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- 1. FISHATT MET WITH SUBSECRETARY CASTANEDA AND SEPARATELY WITH AMBASSADOR CASTRO Y CASTRO ON JANUARY 15. CASTANEDA SAID THAT HE AND CASTRO WOULD BE AVAILABLE ENTIRE WEEK OF JANUARY 25 AND THAT ANY TWO OR THREE DAYS OF THAT WEEK WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE MEXICANS. HE SAID THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED MEETING WITH THE NEW SECRETARY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS GARCIA ROBLES AND THAT THE SECRETARY WAS IN FAVOR OF SUCH DISCUSSIONS.

 CASTANEDA SAID THAT HE WANTED THE MEETINGS TO BE INFORMAL AND THAT HE DID NOT WANT OR NEED ANY PIECE OF PAPER FROM USG PROPOSING SUCH A MEETING. HE ADDED THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WOULD PROBABLY BE HELD AT THE HOME OF AMBASSADOR CASTRO AND SUGGESTED THAT EVERYONE BRING SWIMMING SUITS SINCE CASTRO HAS A NICE POOL.
- 2. CASTANEDA SAID THAT GOM WANTED DR. JAMES JOSEPH DIRECTOR OF INVESTIGATIONS OF LATTC TO BE PRESENT IN MEXICO DURING THE DISCUSSIONS IN CASE HE WAS NEEDED FOR A TECHNICAL OPINION. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE MIGHT CONTACT DR. JOSEPH AND INVITE HIM TO MEXICO CITY. FISHATT RESPONDED BY SAYING THAT USG HAD NO OBJECTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO DR. JOSEPH'S PRESENCE IN MEXICO CITY DURING THE

DISCUSSIONS BUT THAT SINCE MEXICO WAS THE HOST THEY SHOULD ISSUE THE INVITATION. CASTANEDA SAID HE FOUND NO PROBLEM WITH THIS.

- 3. CASTANEDA SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO DR. MOORE AND MS. RIDGEWAY HE HOPED THAT BERNARD OXMAN COULD BE A PART OF THE U.S. DELEGATION. HE WAS TOLD THAT MR. OXMAN WOULD LIKELY BE IN GENEVA BUT THAT SOME REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT OFFICE WOULD TAKE PART. HE SAID THAT THE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE HIMSELF, AMBASSADOR CASTRO, AMBASSADOR JOAQUIN MERCADO AND AMIN ZARUR.
- 4. IN A SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH CASTRO HE ALSO BROUGHT UP THE SUBJECT OF DR. JOSEPH'S PRESENCE DURING THE DISCUSSIONS. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT IN OUR OPINION ANY INVITATION TO DR. JOSEPH SHOULD COME FROM GOM. HE AGREED. JOVA

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